

**ABSTRACT**

In accordance with the present invention, there are provided therapeutically effective compounds comprising an amphipathic carboxylate of the formula R-COOH, or a salt or an ester or amide of such compound, where R designates a saturated or  
5 unsaturated alkyl chain of 10-24 carbon atoms, one or more of which may be replaced by heteroatoms, where one or more of said carbon or heteroatom chain members optionally forms part of a ring, and where said chain is optionally substituted by a hydrocarbyl radical, heterocyclyl radical, lower alkoxy, hydroxyl-substituted lower alkyl, hydroxyl, carboxyl, halogen, phenyl or (hydroxy-, lower alkyl-, lower alkoxy-, lower  
10 alkenyl- or lower alkynyl)-substituted phenyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> cycloalkyl or (hydroxy-, lower alkyl-, lower alkoxy-, lower alkenyl- or lower alkynyl)-substituted C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> cycloalkyl wherein said amphipathic carboxylate is capable of being endogenously converted to its respective coenzyme A thioester.

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